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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ATTENDANCE AT EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION

1. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT IN JUNE EGYPTIAN FOMINISTRY INSTRUCTED POSTS ABROAD THAT PREVIOUS JULY 23 NATIONAL HOLIDAY WAS TO BE RENAMED REVOLUTION DAY AND OCTOBER 6 WOULD BE NEW NATIONAL HOLIDAY. MOST EGYPTIAN EMBASSIES ABROAD, INCLUDING WASHINGTON, HAVE SENT OUT INVITATION FOR NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS ON OCTOBER 7 (SINCE 6TH IS SUNDAY). ON SEPTEMBER 25 EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT OUT NEW CIRCULAR TELEGRAM SAYING JULY 23 WAS TO REMAIN NATIONAL HOLIDAY, WITH OCTOBER 6 CELEBRATION TO BE  
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CALLED ARMED FORCES DAY. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS

NOT GOING TO TRY TO CORRECT INVITATIONS ALREADY SENT OUT.  
GOE HAS NOW OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED OCTOBER 6 AS ARMED  
FORCES DAY.

2. A NUMBER OF US EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO  
EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OCTOBER 6 OR 7 AND SOME  
INVITATIONS BEAR NOTATION TO EFFECT THAT RECEPTION IS QUOTE  
TO CELEBRATE OCTOBER WAR UNQUOTE OR QUOTE TO CELEBRATE  
VICTORY OVER ISRAEL UNQUOTE. DEPARTMENT HAS THEREFORE DE-  
CIDED ON FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR USE OF THOSE WHO ARE IN-  
VITED TO EGYPTIAN RECEPTIONS ON OCTOBER 6 OR 7. (THIS  
GUIDANCE SUPERSEDES THAT ALREADY SENT TO INDIVIDUAL  
POSTS.)

3. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN A GENERALLY LOW PROFILE ON THIS  
OCCASION. THEREFORE POSTS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED BY PERSON-  
NEL LOWER RANKING THAN THOSE WHO USUALLY ATTEND ARMED  
FORCES DAY RECEPTIONS. AT POSTS WHERE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUM-  
STANCES OBTAIN, HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR AT HIS DISCRETION  
IS AUTHORIZED TO ARRANGE HIGHER LEVEL REPRESENTATION TO  
MEET REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL SITUATION. FYI: IN WASHINGTON  
REPRESENTATION WILL BE NO HIGHER THAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR OR  
ONE STAR (MILITARY) LEVEL. END FYI. IF INVITATIONS IN-  
CLUDE SOME SUCH PHRASEOLOGY AS QUOTE VICTORY OVER ISRAEL  
UNQUOTE, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT  
THEY ARE ATTENDING EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION.  
THIS COULD BE DONE BY STATING QUOTE CONGRATULATIONS ON  
YOUR ARMED FORCES DAY UNQUOTE WHEN GREETED BY EGYPTIAN  
HOST. POSTS SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC COL-  
LEAGUES OF THIS GUIDANCE.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON ANY SIGNIFICANT  
LOCAL PRESS PLAY ON EGYPTIAN RECEPTION.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU MAY INFORM ISRAELIS OF THE ABOVE  
GUIDANCE IF THERE SHOULD BE INQUIRIES. YOU MAY ALSO  
ADD THAT U.S. MILITARY CHIEFS ARE NOT SENDING CONGRATULA-  
TORY ARMED FORCES DAY MESSAGES TO EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS  
THIS YEAR. DECISION ON SUCH MESSAGES NEXT YEAR WILL DEPEND  
ON CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME. KISSINGER  
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